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TO: Wingshooting Clinic Registrants

SUBJECT: Des Plaines Youth/Women's Wingshooting Clinic

To register for the Wingshooting Clinic at the Des Plaines Conservation Area on **Saturday, May 14, 2016**, complete the attached Skill Level Assessment form. If applicable, please also complete the attached permission form. The permission form must be signed by a parent or guardian for any participant under 18 yrs. of age. A fact sheet with information that you will need to review is also attached. Please send the completed Skill Level Assessment form and if applicable the signed permission slip to the address provided on this letter. The completed form(s) should be sent as early as possible but must be received not later than Wednesday, May 11th. A card or an e-mail will be sent to confirm your registration after we receive the forms.

Please be on time for the clinic. We will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. so you will need to be at the Des Plaines Conservation Area between 9:30-10:00 a.m. to check-in.

If for any reason you are unable to attend, call us at least 72 hrs. in advance as we typically have a waiting list. We will be able to accommodate someone else if you let us know you will be unable to attend.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us at the following address:

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_____, and I give permission for my shooting student to participate in the wingshooting clinic at the Des Plaines Conservation Area on May 14, 2016. I understand part of the clinic will include shooting shotguns at clay targets, and I hereby specifically give permission for my shooting student to participate in that activity.

Note: The Department of Natural Resources, the Safety Education Instructor, or the Wingshooting Instructor will remove any participant from the Wingshooting Clinic for disruptive or unsafe behavior.

(Parent's Signature)

(Parent's Name Please Print)

(Date)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Telephone Number)

(E-mail Address)

**WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
SKILL LEVEL ASSESSMENT**

**Des Plaines Conservation Area
May 14, 2016**

Name (Print) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Telephone #'s _____

County _____

Age _____ **Height** _____ ft., _____ ins.

Weight _____ lbs.

I have shot at clay targets: (Check one)

☐ never (less than 1 box of shells)

☐ rarely (less than 20 boxes of shells)

☐ occasionally (more than 20 boxes of shells)

☐ often (more than 100 boxes of shells)

**DES PLAINES CONSERVATION AREA WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Boys and girls must be in the 10-18 years old age group, at least 4 feet 6 inches tall and weigh 75 pounds or more to participate. **Youth/Women's Wingshooting Clinics are designed for beginning and novice shotgun shooting students. Males 16 to 18 yrs. must legitimately be in either the "Never" or "Rarely" skill level to enroll in these clinics. Males in this age range with shooting skills beyond the novice level should consider registering for a Hunter's Wingshooting Clinic.**
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- Wingshooting Clinics do not satisfy the Illinois Hunter Education Requirement.

DATES AND TIMES: Saturday, May 14, 2016, 10a - 4p - Boys & Girls 10 -18 yrs. old
Sunday, May 15, 2016, 10a - 4p - Girls (10 yrs. & up) & Women

LOCATION: Des Plaines Conservation Area

DIRECTIONS: From I-55 north or south exit at Interchange 241. Proceed right (west) on New River Rd. to the second stop sign. At second stop sign turn right into parking area.

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided at no cost to wingshooting students at the site headquarters building.

APPAREL: Wear upper garments that do not restrict either side-to-side shoulder movement or up and down arm movement. Upper garments should not have snaps, buckles, buttons, or strap adjustments on the front side of the shooting shoulder. Bring a shooting or hunting vest **that fits reasonably well** if one is available. **A cap or hat is required.**

FOOTWEAR: Wingshooting instruction and shotgun shooting is a field activity. Wear comfortable but sturdy shoes or boots.

EYE & EAR PROTECTION: Eye and ear protection is mandatory and will be provided. Students with their own shooting glasses and ear plugs or ear muffs are encouraged to bring them. Students who wear prescription glasses or contact lenses should wear them.

SHOTGUNS: Twenty-eight gauge shotguns with shotshells will be provided. Students with their own shotgun are encouraged to bring the shotgun. If the shotgun has interchangeable chokes, bring the most open choke available (cylinder, skeet or improved cylinder). **Note: Since shotshells will be provided, students bringing a shotgun must call 217/785-8129 by Wednesday, May 11, 2016 to apprise us of the gauge.**

INSTRUCTORS: Indoor classes will be instructed by an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor or National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) and IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors. Wingshooting instruction in the field will be given by NSCA and IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors.

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